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From Monday 13 to Friday 17 December members of the council's recycling team will be out early in the cold and dark checking the recycling at winning addresses – make sure you won't lose out. Please put your pink sacks, blue box and green bin out on your property boundary by 7am on your refuse collection day to be in with a chance to win.

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- **Two £200** cheques donated by Community Waste.
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- **A family panto** ticket to see Dick Whittington at Milton Keynes Theatre worth over £100. Dirk Benedict, formerly a member of 80s TV hit The A-Team, is playing King Rat in this year's production (pictured right).
- **£100** in John Lewis gift vouchers Stars of this year's pantomime Dick Whittington at Milton Keynes Theatre were keen to endorse Cash for Trash.

Since it began in June 2007, Cash for Trash has given away in the region of £40,000 to lucky residents recycling the correct materials in their pink sacks, blue boxes and food and garden waste bins. But all good things must come to an end and the recycling team is now considering other ways of increasing recycling in Milton Keynes.

Cllr Mike Galloway, cabinet member responsible for the environment, said:

"With our recycling rate set to reach around 57% next spring, we'd like to thank all our residents for their continued efforts in recycling and congratulate all the lucky Cash for Trash prize-winners over the past three and a half years. In addition to residents doing their bit, we are looking at other ways to increase our recycling such as making sure all our bulky waste collections and items taken to our Community Recycling Centres do not end up in landfill."

Sincere thanks go to our regular weekly sponsors Community Waste from our Wolverton recycling facility and our refuse and recycling contractor Serco for donating the prize money.
Our thanks also to this year's seasonal partners John Lewis and Milton Keynes Theatre.

Four recent Cash for Trash winners

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Lynne Glenn and daughter, Giffard Park

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World Cup bid a 'waste of time' says city MP

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A sign of the times

MILTON Keynes is hoping the rest of the UK soon realises what we already do - that MK is a city in all but name. Last week saw the opening of the six month 'bidding window' for towns looking to have their official status upgraded. MK NEWS is backing the bid, along with the council's finances boss, Cllr Sam Crooks – right.

■ Turn to pages 10-11 for a more detailed look at the bid and what it entails.

Cabbie killed wife after she refused sex – claim

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A SOMALI bride was strangled to death by her husband two days after arriving in the UK to join him, a court has heard.

Cab driver Masdafe Fara Jama, of Tolcarne Avenue, Fishermead, is alleged to have used his wife's headscarf as a noose to kill her after she refused to have sex with him.

In the dock at Luton Crown Court, 52-year-old Mr Jama pleaded not guilty to the murder of his wife. His trial began on Monday.

The jury heard how, on May 19 this year, the defendant's wife, who he had married months before in Ethiopia, flew into Heathrow Airport to join him and start a new life in this country.

Prosecutor Ben Gumpert told the court how, together with his son, the defendant took his wife back to the multiple occupancy three-storey house where he rented a room on the top floor.

He said it was the Crown's case that the husband murdered his wife on the night of May 21/22 in the early hours. The court heard when the wife's body was subsequently discovered in the room, she was lying on a bed.

The prosecutor said: "It's the headscarf which has been used as a ligature, a noose." He said it had been 'so tightly drawn' around her neck it had caused

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PM's Cup bid a 'waste of time'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CITY MP believes the Prime Minister's efforts in England's failed 2018 World Cup bid were 'perhaps a waste of time'.

Mark Lancaster, who represents Milton Keynes North, has expressed his frustration after England received just two votes out of 22 from FIFA's executives.

On Thursday, FIFA president Sepp Blatter announced in Zurich, Switzerland, that Russia had won the right to host the 2018 tournament.

Since the fall-out following the outcome of the secret vote, acting FA chairman Roger Burden withdrew his candidacy for a permanent role as he 'wanted nothing more to do with FIFA', pointing to his belief he 'cannot trust' some of the delegates.

Conservative Mr Lancaster told MK NEWS: "I agree with the chairman of the FA perhaps the Prime Minister's sterling work alongside Prince William and David Beckham in Zurich was wasted.

"I felt very proud seeing them pushing England's bid and truly hoped that Pete Winkelman would get his chance put MK on the map with his internationally-recognised venue. But unless we get transparency it's clear our efforts are indeed wasted.

"And if providing the best technical and economic bid is not enough then what is?"

His disappointment of losing out was mirrored by Dr Ann Limb, chairman of MK Partnership and member of Milton Keynes' host-city bid team.

She said she was surprised by the low number of votes the England bid received, especially since FIFA members had praised the team's efforts.

She added: "Only getting two votes was a surprise. Either we were very naive and trusting, or people do say the same things to everybody.

"I don't think the national media coverage helped, but that's not the reason why they chose Russia.

"They chose Russia and Qatar (for the 2022 World Cup) and they obviously want to send a message and leave a legacy there."

A shocked Pete Winkelman can't believe the World Cup vote result

... but city aims to be sporting hub

MILTON Keynes is still aspiring to be an international sporting city - despite England's unsuccessful World Cup bid.

Further sports ventures are being looked at for MK, which had been involved as one of the 2018 tournament's proposed host cities.

Although the World Cup dream has ended, members of the bid team – including MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman, the club's Sport and Education Trust boss John Cove and Milton Keynes Partnership head Dr Ann Limb – have all backed the project, which forms part of the council's core strategy.

The city has ambitions to improve its current sporting facilities as well as building a new training centre, which would mainly be used by MK Dons, and a multi-use sports hall.

Plans are being outlined for the arena, which neighbours stadiummk, to host national badminton tournaments, volleyball, futsal and basketball side MK Lions, should they leave their Winterhill home.

And there are ideas to use MK's natural surroundings to stage cycling events and even dragon boat racing.

The 2018 bid process has outlined the weaknesses in the city's sporting facilities and a steering group is now in place to ensure MK becomes a hub of sporting brilliance.

The council was required by the Government to produce its Core Strategy to set out what its land will be used for over the next 20 years.

One of the objectives is to create an international sporting city.

Mr Cove said: "It's a challenge for Milton Keynes to move on and become the international sport city we all desire it to become."

Dr Limb said: "We will develop our sporting facilities and maintain that momentum and pride that we feel. Sport is a way of developing and educating your community, not just about playing games."

Mr Winkelman said: "What we're giving ourselves is a city that can handle big cultural sporting events and that's not a bad DNA to have for Milton Keynes."

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Cab driver murder trial

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her death by strangulation. After his arrest, the husband told detectives that in the short space of time 31-year-old Naimo Mohamed Moalin had been living with him, he suspected she had started an illicit relationship with another man.

He claimed on the night she died in May of this year he had returned home from work to find his wife and the other man together and there had been a fight.

The husband said he had eventually fled the house to escape from his rival and a group of men and when he last saw her she was alive.

Giving evidence, his son Abdul Kadir Fara said by the Saturday evening he was unable to contact his father on the phone, so went to his house.

When he couldn't get any answer, the police were contacted, but at that stage were treating the matter as a missing person enquiry.

However, later the owner of the property arrived to unlock the door to the couple's room and discovered the wife's dead body in the room on the bed.

The jury heard that a post mortem examination revealed she had been strangled by her own headscarf.

Her husband's DNA was discovered under her fingernails, said Mr Gumpert which suggested she had caused scratch marks found on him when he handed himself into police in Leicester.

Semen found in the dead woman's vagina also provided a DNA match with the defendant, said the prosecutor.

The trial continues.

Cllr Andrew Dransfield with the 366-page report which found 'there was no evidence in the form of a transcript of the meeting or otherwise to suggest the words actually used at the meeting'

'Liar' probe costs council £11,000

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MORE THAN £11,000 has been spent on a 20-month investigation into whether one councillor called another a liar, MK NEWS can reveal.

This amount does not include the cost of the hearing on November 26, when a complaint against Cllr Andrew Dransfield was dismissed as it could not be proved whether the word 'liar' had been used.

The Standards Committee investigation had been launched into Cllr Dransfield's conduct at a meeting on April 14, 2009, in which it was alleged he accused Cllr Douglas McCall a liar.

This followed an e-mail sent to Cllr Dransfield warning him about his language in meetings, following an alleged similar incident in a meeting the previous week.

Following a 366 page report and several interviews, last month's hearing decided to dismiss the complaint as 'there was no evidence in the form of a transcript of the meeting or otherwise to suggest the words actually used at the meeting' and that, 'although a number of individuals were approached, none could confirm exactly what was said at the meeting'.

Cllr Dransfield feels the investigation into the complaint against him was a 'waste of money'.

He said: "It's a big sledge hammer to crack really tiny nuts. It has cost a fortune.

"I thought the whole process was a complete waste of public money from the start.

"It's thousands of pounds of public money, that's what's crucial, at a time when we're giving people notice of redundancy."

Cllr McCall, who made the complaint, said he declined to make a complaint following the first alleged incident but, after the second, he felt he had to defend his good name.

He said: "It's not a path I wanted to go down. I don't think it's been handled very well. Sometimes you have to work with the law as it stands."

The Government has recently announced plans to abolish the Standards Board regime in a bill in Parliament this month.

Ivy celebrates 100 years

A ONE-hundred-year-old woman celebrated her birthday last Saturday.

Ivy Wheeler, of Woburn Sands, lives alone but was joined by many people at her party at Aspley Guise Village Hall, including MK Mayor Debbie Brock.

Cllr Brock said: "She is an absolutely remarkable woman. It was a lovely party and Mrs Wheeler is so fit and well.

"It was really nice to be there with her to celebrate her birthday.

"She was joined by so many members of her family and friends, and members of the Dega club – which she is a member of.

"She said her secret to a long life was always being happy and content."

The party was organised by Dega, the day club which Mrs Wheeler attends.

Ivy Wheeler raises a glass with mayor Debbie Brock

Fifth man arrested over stabbing death

A FIFTH man was yesterday arrested in connection with the death of 16-year-old Adil Basharat.

Officers from Northamptonshire Police arrested a 19-year-old at an address in Milton Keynes in connection with the incident on Stratford Road, Deanshanger.

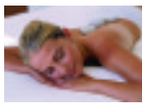
Adil, from Greenleys, died in hospital two days after receiving a single stab wound during an assault on November 19 outside Kingsbrook School, which he attended.

The man arrested yesterday has been transferred to Weston Favell Police Station in Northampton for questioning.

Adil Basharat: Killed by a single stab wound and buried on Friday

The news comes just four days after Adil's funeral on Friday, on what would have been his 17th birthday. Hundreds of mourners including family, friends and teachers turned up to the Central Jamia Mosque on Church Street, Wolverton, where they said their goodbyes before his body was transferred to Ghausia Mosque in Aylesbury where his funeral service was held.

■ Four men have been charged with murder in connection with the death of Adil Basharat – Jake Batten, 21, and Freddy Wilson, Adam Moore and Daniel Anderson, all 19, and have been remanded in custody.



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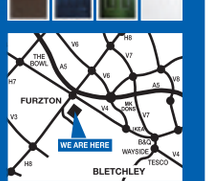

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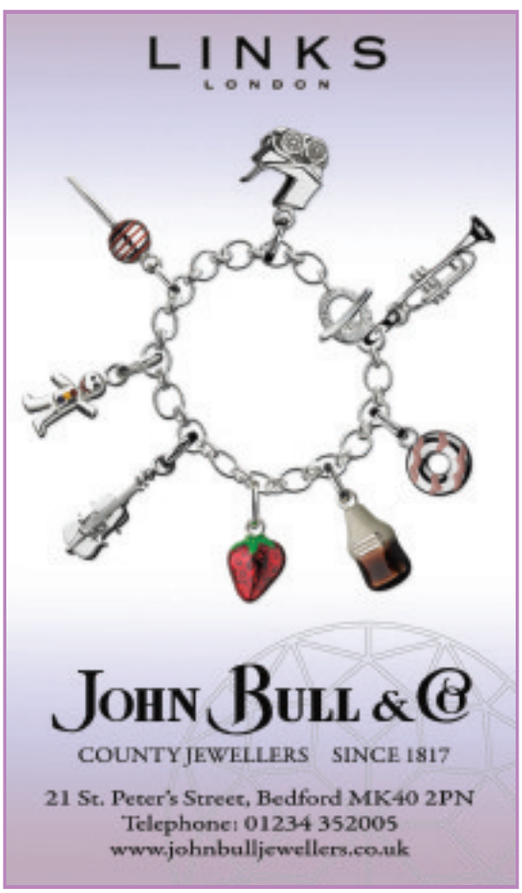

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New Mosque should be built out of town

SIR – It has been reported in your paper that the Muslim community, mainly Bangladeshis, want to convert the redundant pub, The Plough, on Manor Road, into a mosque as the current Duncombe Street building has become too small.

Even though I fully sympathise with the community for a bigger place of worship, MK Council and the local Muslim community should have discussed the matter fully before the Muslim community bought the property.

The present mosque in Duncombe Street is attended by more than 400 worshippers and as a short-term solution the new place in Manor Road may cope for a few years before they will have to look for bigger place.

The Bangladeshi population in Bletchley has grown up from fewer than 500 in the 1970s to several thousands now and it is growing rapidly.

Bletchley in recent years has the problem of parking in town centres. I am not sure whether the mosque can provide at least 100 parking spaces on Fridays and weekends to prevent worshippers parking in the street.

The mosque will be located at the corner of busy roads such as Water Eaton, Manor and Drayton where school, shops, churches, surgery and community centres are located and the mosque will generate additional traffic.

Some religious minority communities have located their worship places (gurdwara, Hindu temple) outside the built-up area and they do not seem to have any problem with parking or with the local community.

The council should talk to the Muslim community in Bletchley and see whether they can provide land outside Bletchley where they can build a mosque and a community centre with enough car parking facilities.

If the issue is not solved amicably, this may cause problems with the local residents and with some political groups.

There should be wider consultation with residents of Water Eaton, Drayton and Manor Roads, since Muslims from outside Bletchley will be using the mosque.

Name and address supplied

Year-round hospitality

SIR – As a disabled senior citizen, I should regard any sudden burst of offers of hospitality over Christmas as a cynical hypocritical means of boasting.

If people want to boast of hospitality, let them do it round the whole year – we are not only lonely at Christmas.

Name and address supplied

Thanks for M1 link

SIR – Regarding 'J13-Bedford road link set to open' (MK NEWS, 1/12).

My thanks to all the men and women who contributed in the building of this well-needed bypass.

As a regular user of the A421, I long anticipated its opening and, as luck would have it, became one of the first to be escorted onto it on Wednesday. Thanks to the workers who made it happen.

Mr A Maison
Sent by e-mail

Don't miss carer cash

SIR – New Carers UK estimates show that as many as 300,000 people in the UK who are caring for ill or disabled loved ones, unpaid, may be missing out on a total of £840m in carer's allowance.

They aren't being given information on what support they can claim and many don't see themselves as carers, but as mothers, sons, partners and friends looking after ill or disabled loved-ones.

As a result, they miss out on support and end up caring round the clock without a break, and struggling to pay even basic food and heating bills.

Our economy and public services rely heavily on the support provided by carers, which has been valued at a staggering £87 billion per year. Our whole society can play a part in helping carers in return.

We all know a friend or family member who is caring for an ill, frail or disabled loved one. Carers UK is calling on everyone to take a few minutes today to check that any carers they know are getting support.

We have produced a free Carers Rights Guide, available through the Carers UK website (www.carersuk.org) or by calling our CarersLine on 0808 808 7777.

Imelda Redmond CBE
Chief executive of Carers UK

Remote working

SIR – As the Government prepares to extend flexible working rights to an extra 300,000 people next April, businesses in the South East need to be prepared for increased requests from their employees.

According to research we conducted recently, only 23 per cent of businesses in the South East currently allow their staff to work remotely or from home.

While the costs of setting up these programmes worried some, we found that more businesses were concerned that remote teams would be less effective and leave individual workers feeling stressed and isolated.

This is one area, however, where advances in technology can allay these fears.

Simple, well-understood tools such as instant messenger, presence, videoconferencing and teleconferences are not only easy to use, but they're also a great way to help remote teams remain in touch and ensure no one feels left out on a limb.

Andrew Beckhaus
Head of business markets, Virgin Media

Animal exploitation

SIR – Christmas is meant to be a season of peace and goodwill, yet for many animals it is a time of extreme suffering and exploitation.

Millions of turkeys are slaughtered for Christmas dinner, along with ducks, geese, pigs, lambs and chickens.

Puppies and kittens are given away as presents, then often neglected or discarded by new owners when the novelty has worn off.

Prettily packaged cosmetics and toiletries make nice presents, but were probably cruelly tested on animals.

Rabbits and foxes have their fur stripped from them to be turned into clothing and accessories. But it doesn't have to be that way.

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Kelly Slade
Animal Aid

Christmas humbug

SIR – Once again Middleton Hall is sprinkled with Christmas cheer. But beware – the shopping centre management has Scrooge-like plans for it.

This wonderful hall, originally designed as a great, light-filled space for public enjoyment, is threatened by money-making schemes.

Despite its recent Grade II listing, the building's owners are stubbornly pressing ahead with plans to destroy original features and extend shops and cafes into the walkways and hall itself.

You might think these changes are merely cosmetic. But look at the impact of 'cosmetic' changes on Queen's Court. Where once we had a friendly pool where swans could visit and people relax, now we have two rows of cold, bleak seats and yet another Cafe Rouge.

Yet in the eyes of the centre:mk this is an 'outstanding' improvement and they promise 'more of the same' for Middleton Hall.

So this is my Christmas message to the centre:mk – don't be blinded by profits alone. Learn to love the building and all it stands for. You are custodians of an important place that is much more than a shopping mall, it is MK's high street and central to our way of life.

If you want people to linger longer in your retail world, then why not preserve the original spaces and offer Middleton Hall more often to your neighbours?

More community dances, choirs and sports would bring more good cheer for all.

Linda Inoki
Leader of Xplain

British 'Normal' Party

SIR – On Saturday a protest was held by the BNP outside the Plough in Bletchley.

I am a local resident and a keen photographer so I decided to take some photos. I'd like to make it clear that the BNP do not represent my political views in any way but when I approached and spoke to people I was surprised by how pleasant, articulate and 'normal' they were. Its local members were still keen to be out in public expressing their objections and drawing attention to what they saw as the issues at hand.

Simon St Clare, Bletchley

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Letter campaign in bid to save library

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to save a library from the council's cuts.

Stony Stratford Town Council is concerned the library in Church Street could face closure in Milton Keynes Council's cost-cutting budget proposals later this month.

The town council wants every resident in Stony Stratford, Fullers Slade and Galley Hill to sign a letter of protest to MK Council leader Cec Tallack.

To raise awareness of the campaign, it has hand delivered a copy of the letter to their homes, so residents can simply put their name to it and send to Cllr Tallack.

Town council chairman Robert Gifford has also personally written to Cllr Tallack, urging him to carefully consider any library closures.

Cllr Gifford said: "We don't know that this is a proposal yet, but we do know the borough council has to save money and it is looking at the library service.

"I understand there will be a cabinet meeting on December 21 which will have proposals in it, and we're saying we've heard there's a potential closure. Are we prepared for the proposals? Yes. Are we prepared to accept the proposals? No."

In danger: Stony Stratford library

Cllr Gifford said the new Fairfield development near the town would also bring new users.

In his letter to Cllr Tallack, he wrote: 'It might also be appropriate to look at a long-term strategy for the organisation of branch libraries within the city especially in the context of future growth.

'Many of the residents of the Fairfield development are likely to want to use our library in Stony given the difficulties that there will be in setting up a new library in the Western Expansion Area.

'I would be very happy to discuss the future of Stony Library with you and would urge you to consider any possible closure very carefully.'

The MK councillor in charge of finance, Sam Crooks, confirmed library closures are being considered, but added that there are no firm proposals in place.

He said: "We've looked very closely at the geographical location of the libraries, and Wolverton and Stony Stratford are in close proximity, as are Woburn Sands and Kingston.

"But these are proposals, there's plenty of opportunity in January to discuss alternatives. There are things that the parish council can do, other uses for the building that's not a library.

"It's the start of a discussion and not a *fait accompli*."

The draft budget proposals will go before a council cabinet meeting on December 21, before being made available for a month-long public consultation.

Protesters outside The Plough in Bletchley where there are plans to convert the pub to a mosque

100 join anti-mosque demo

AROUND 100 people demonstrated against the conversion of a pub in Manor Road, Bletchley into a mosque last weekend.

The protest on Saturday, headed by the British National Party, saw a petition of around 300 signatures and a 'great deal of support', according to the party.

Kieren Trent, BNP organiser for Milton Keynes, said: "The police were present and they stewarded the event very well.

"About 60 per cent of the demonstration were actually angry residents, rather than simply BNP members. The feeling of unity was really, really good."

A residents' meeting took place last night to discuss the plans for the proposal, which Kieren said he would be attending on behalf of those who signed the petition.

There will also be a council meeting to discuss the application on December 16.

Sub-regional organiser for the BNP, Matt Tait, said: "We had an overwhelming amount of support. Pretty much everybody driving past beeped their horns in support or put their thumbs up.

"We also had support from party members in Northampton and London. I would like to say thank you to the local people who stood together in showing we don't want another mosque in Bletchley, the home of the code breakers."

Duncombe Road mosque secretary Kalamdar Ali refused to comment.

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Early death likely on some estates

Life expectancy varies by up to 12 years across Milton Keynes

PEOPLE living on some city estates are likely to die 12 years earlier than those on others.

Residents in Woughton are forecast to reach the age of 74, while those in Middleton are likely to live until they are 86.

The differences in life expectancy across the city have been put on the Government's agenda by Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster.

Conservative Mr Lancaster raised the issue as Health Secretary Andrew Lansley unveiled a new approach to public health last Tuesday.

Branding the gap 'staggering', Mr Lansley said: "My honourable friend is absolutely right," stating that health screening, immunisation programmes and health visitors will help to tackle this discrepancy.

He added: "It will be for his local authorities and communities to get together to ask how they can address the inequalities. That will be vital to achieving health improvement in his community."

His White Paper, entitled Healthy Lives, Healthy People, outlines how the onus of public health will be transferred to councils.

The dominant issues are smoking, obesity and mental illness.

In Milton Keynes, the number of children who are physically active is 'significantly worse' than the English average, according to the most recent Health Profile.

The NHS public health body calculated that in Milton Keynes there are 34,000 obese people, with over 2,000 being morbidly obese.

After the Health Secretary's statement, Mr Lancaster, who said the life expectancy gap was 'shocking', said: "Strengthening public health is a way of addressing this gap.

"After all, prevention is so much better than cure. Transferring this responsibility to councils is yet another example of the Coalition's localist philosophy bringing benefits to Milton Keynes."

Fire tragedy case adjourned

Barbara Zhanje: Forensic evidence awaited before pleas are entered

A WOMAN accused of manslaughter in connection with a house fire has had her case adjourned.

Barbara Zhanje, 48, from Rockingham Road, Corby, made a brief appearance at Luton Crown Court on Friday in connection with the deaths of a mother and her toddler daughter who died in the fire on Fishermead Boulevard in September.

Prosecutor Peter Shaw said: "Some additional forensic evidence is forthcoming which I regard as significant."

He said it was only right the defence had time to consider that before entering pleas.

Miss Zhanje appeared in court in a wheelchair and was granted conditional bail until her next appearance on December 23.

A provisional date for her trial has been set for February 28 at St Albans Crown Court.

The charges relate to the deaths of Bola Ejifunmilayo, 29, and her three-year-old daughter Fiyin on September 5.

One firefighter was injured trying to enter the bedroom where the remains of Ms Ejifunmilayo and her daughter were later found.

Couple sought for race abuse of bus driver

POLICE are looking for two people after a bus driver was racially abused in Bletchley.

As the number 70 Arriva service stopped in Manor Road, on November 18, a man and woman got on with two dogs. The driver refused to let them on with the animals and the man racially abused him.

The man is white, in his 30s, 5ft 9ins, and was wearing a white flat cap and a brown hip-length coat. The woman is white, in her 30s, and was wearing a blue jacket.

One dog is white and the other is mostly black.

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£1,000 reward for info on burglaries suspect

A REWARD is being offered in the hunt for a man wanted in connection with 24 thefts and burglaries across the region.

Crimestoppers is offering up to £1,000 as an incentive to anyone with information leading to the arrest and charge of 20-year-old Maurice Rogers.

Rogers, from Jockey Farm, Dunstable, is wanted in connection with the offences in Milton Keynes and numerous other places across Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

DI Gerry McDonald said: "We are very keen to speak with Mr Rogers and I am asking the public to contact us if they see him or know of his whereabouts.

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Second man ran crack cocaine business while his partner in crime was in jail

Drug dealer used gun to put woman in fear

TWO men have been jailed for drug dealing and other offences.

Marvin Douglas, of Hidcote Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, was jailed for six years at Cambridge Crown Court.

He had earlier pleaded guilty to shooting at a woman in Bedford and being concerned in dealing crack cocaine with co-defendant Lee Dixon.

Douglas, 29, was given four-and-half years for the drugs offence and 18 months for possessing a blank-firing handgun with intent to cause fear, which will run consecutively. He was sentenced on Thursday.

Dixon, 26, of Bedford, was sentenced to four years and six months after admitting at an earlier hearing to being concerned in supplying crack cocaine.

Dixon was found during a police raid with crack cocaine and heroin with a street value of £3,000, £1,500 in cash and deal lists showing wholesale quantities of drugs.

He had continued Douglas' supply business while Douglas was awaiting trial in prison.

Marvin Douglas: Jailed for four-and-half years for dealing drugs and 18 months for possessing a blank-firing handgun

Lee Dixon: Jailed for four years after being found with drugs worth £3,000, £1,500 in cash and deal lists with wholesale drugs quantities

Dixon was also found with blank firearms ammunition and admitted a charge of acquiring criminal property – stolen mobile phones and iPods – which were exchanged for drugs.

He was also found in possession of a police radio.

The officer investigating the case, DC Surinder Ram, said: "The investigation was an excellent example of Bedfordshire Police prioritising serious crime and involved a co-ordinated team effort by armed response officers, detailed detective investigation and forensic and analytical analysis.

"Douglas is a persistent and violent criminal who didn't think twice about terrifying a woman who had only gone outside her home.

"His subsequent concealment and use of his mobile phone while in prison showed the lengths he was prepared to go to continue his business.

"The compelling phone evidence which was uncovered during the investigation meant Douglas was forced to plead guilty."

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We all call MK a city

Low-budget bid: MK Council finance boss Sam Crooks

The starting gun has been fired for another city status bid for Milton Keynes. Reporter ADAM GRINSELL takes a look at the latest attempt – which is again being backed by MK NEWS.

SOME road and redway signs say it, some people say it, even its local rag calls it one – but Milton Keynes is still not yet a city.

Next year, we will be having another go at explaining why MK deserves having its status officially upgraded.

Earlier this year, then Business Secretary Peter Mandelson announced a competition to find a new city in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and the Government officially opened the competition on December 1.

Each bidding town now has until May 27 to submit its entry, with the winner being announced towards the end of next year.

Milton Keynes Council has been plotting a renewed bid since Mr Mandelson's announcement, but finance boss Cllr Sam Crooks said the carpet has been pulled out from under its original ideas.

He said: "After the Peter Mandelson announcement, we were assuming we could do a number of things, and we had the idea of doing a scrapbook, by getting schools and children involved, rather than producing a glossy brochure.

"However the Government has said each place can only submit a low-cost bid due to the recent austerity measures."

The new announcement effectively made the council's original ideas redundant.

Each entry must comprise 25 A4 pages, divided into two sections, with five pages for an introduction and 20 on the profile of the area.

Up to 50 photos can be used and two A3 maps.

The council plans to ask the public for their ideas once the bid gets rolling.

Lib-Dem Cllr Crooks continued: "I want to preserve the image and concept that the bid comes from the people – we'll post it, but we want the words to come from the people of MK."

Milton Keynes has one of the largest urban populations in the country still not recognised as a city, and it is a common myth that in order to become a city the town needs a cathedral.

In fact, according to guidelines outlined by the Department for Constitutional Affairs, towns interested in applying for city status need to fulfil certain main factors.

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Reporter Rob Gibson outside Buckingham palace with the letter to the Queen about granting city status to MK

Queen's Golden Jubilee, it was Preston which pipped Milton Keynes to the post.

In 2007, MK NEWS journalist Rob Gibson even wrote a letter to the Queen before her visit to MK, to try to convince her to grant us city status.

And next year's competition will be keenly contested, with the historic towns of Reading and Bolton expected to apply, along with Perth, Ballymena, Medway, and Luton.

The two city MPs are adding their support to the campaign.

Milton Keynes North's Mark Lancaster said: "I have always strongly supported MK's attempts at being granted city status.

"In 2007, I tabled an Early Day Motion in Parliament supporting the bid and have continued to speak out about the fact that we truly are a city in everything but name. I know that Iain Stewart and I will be pressing to do all we can to make sure we get the title that is rightfully ours and is long overdue."

Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart, said: "I am fully in support of Milton Keynes being awarded city status.

"We are unique in many respects and have our own rich and distinct character. Our host city status for the recent World Cup bid in my opinion has strengthened our case. Milton Keynes has the capacity to compete with other well-known cities in the world."

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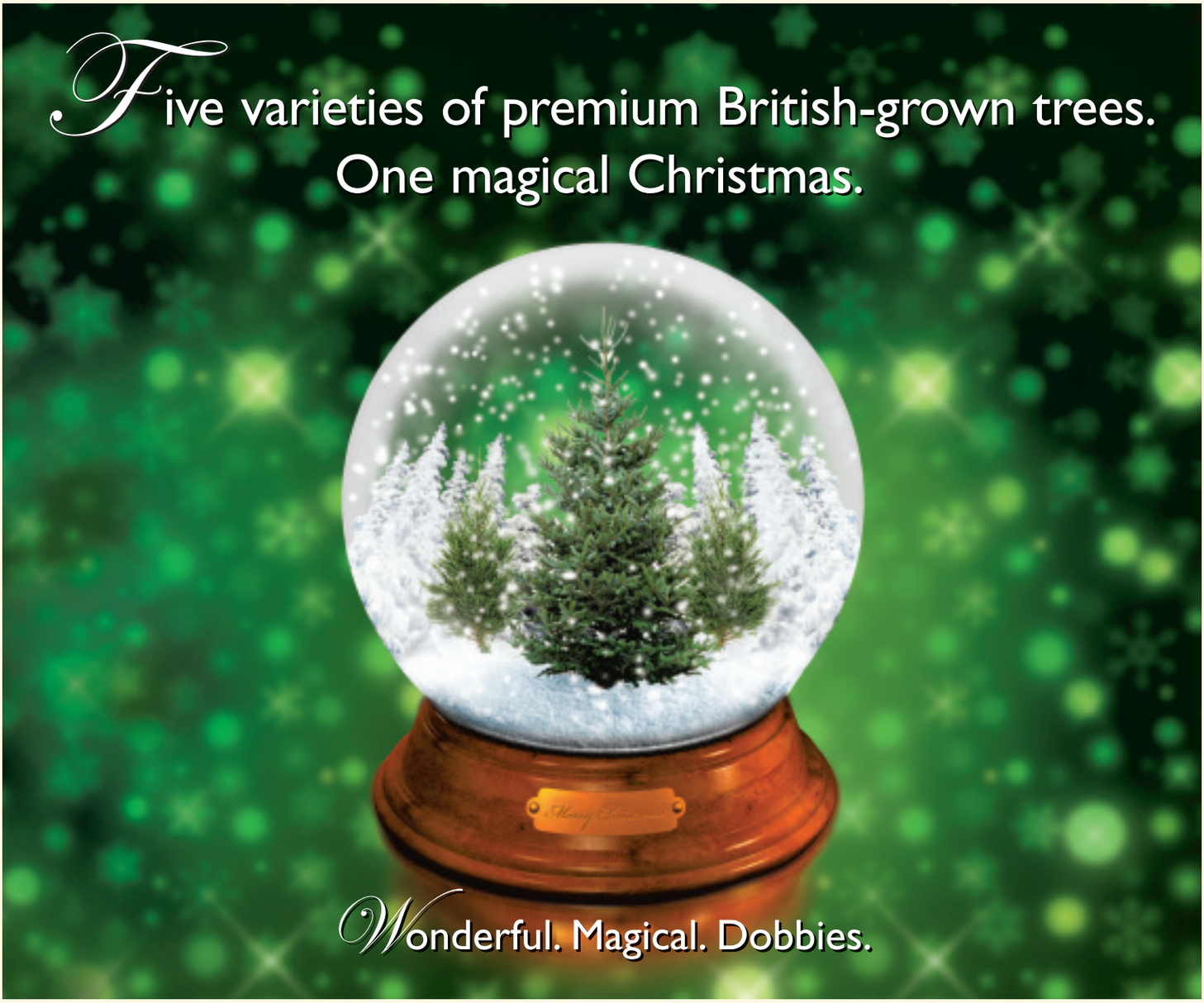

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Parks Trust Board place for John

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John Lewis, above, will join the 16 other trustees in guiding the strategic direction of the trust, an independent charity which cares for many of MK's parks and green spaces, and ensuring it continues to perform well.

Mr Lewis was previously chief executive of Milton Keynes Partnership, and a director of English Partnerships.

As chief executive of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, he is responsible for the management of its 5,500 acre state, including large areas of open spaces, landscaping and farming interests.

MP backing new HIV test initiative

A CITY MP attended an event at Parliament for World AIDS Day to back efforts to increase HIV testing.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, went to the event organised by HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) last Wednesday.

Conservative Mr Stewart said: "I am delighted to support this vitally important issue. We all need to work together to increase HIV testing because it is in everyone's interest.

"I hope that this World AIDS Day, more people who may have been at risk of HIV will decide to get tested.

"People used to think an HIV diagnosis was like a death sentence, but HIV treatment has moved on so much in the last few years.

"An HIV diagnosis today is something that could save your life, because as long as you get the treatment in time, you can expect to live well into old age."

Sir Nick Partridge, THT chief executive, said: "We're very pleased Iain Stewart is helping us to raise awareness of HIV testing this World AIDS Day.

"People with undiagnosed HIV are not only putting their own health seriously at risk, they are also more likely to pass the virus on. Testing too late costs lives and money."

One in four with HIV in the UK do not know they have it. This is bad for their health and the health of others as they are not getting vital treatment and are statistically more likely to pass on the virus.

In Milton Keynes, 32 per cent of people with HIV are diagnosed 'very late', well after they should have started treatment. THT and other organisations are promoting the 'Halve It' campaign, which wants to see rates of undiagnosed and late diagnosed HIV halved within the next five years.

World AIDS Day, which has been running every December since 1988, is dedicated to raising awareness of HIV and AIDS. In the UK alone, 86,500 people are living with HIV and over 6,500 are diagnosed every year.

> "I hope that this World AIDS Day, more people who may have been at risk of HIV will decide to get tested
>
> **– Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South**

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New member joins list of ex-mayor Rotarians

THE Rotary Club now has three mayoral members.

Past mayor Euan Henderson was recently inducted as the latest full member to the club, adding his name to an illustrious and exclusive list.

Former incumbent Cllr Jan Lloyd, who served in the post in 2008 to 2009, is a full member, and present post-holder Cllr Debbie Brock continues the tradition of being an honorary member during her term in the position.

Rotarian club members usually meet weekly for breakfast, lunch or dinner, which is a social event as well as an opportunity to organise work on their service goals.

Adrian James, president of the Rotary Club of Milton Keynes, welcomes new member Euan Henderson the mayor of Milton Keynes in 2009/10

Mr Henderson had been an honorary member during his time in office in 2009 to 2010, and having recently retired is now able to put something back into the community with the Rotarians under their motto Service Above Self. The club provides services like Lend a Hand Day, in collaboration with AGE UK. Once a year in May club members, supported by some of their family and other Rotary clubs in the area, offer to carry out a range of tasks, free of charge, like house cleaning, gardening activities and shopping trips.

There is also the yearly Swimathon, which raises money mainly for charities.

Pedestrian has leg broken in car collision

A 40-year-old suffered serious injuries after being hit by a car on Friday.

A white Nissan Micra was in collision with the man in Avebury Boulevard at 10.45pm, leaving him with a fractured leg, a broken arm, collarbone and a head injury.

The car failed to stop at the scene but was located shortly afterwards.

A 35-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. He was released on bail until January 16.

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It gives hundreds of people access to better training via the Internet to improve their job prospects, update their skills to return to work, or simply keep in touch with friends and loved ones.

More than 1,000 computers are now on loan to residents, as well as more than 20 community facilities using equipment supplied by ConnectMK. The equipment is normally delivered or can be collected – within a few days.

And 33,000 IT training vouchers worth £3million, awarded by IT giant Microsoft, are still up for grabs.

The Prime Minister has even taken an interest in the scheme, with participant John Storey recently having visited Downing Street to talk about the service.

> We want to make Milton Keynes the UK's foremost digital city. But it must be that for every resident – not just those who can afford it
>
> **– Cllr Sam Crooks, responsible for IT services**

Lisa Bailey, of ConnectMK, said: "The reasons for having a computer at home are different for each client. Whether it helps a family with their child's homework or assists a person in gaining employment, all are successes of the scheme."

Steven Jewell, the council's head of IT and E-Government, said: "Computers are such an integral part of daily life, yet sadly there are people who for various reasons, mainly financial, still find it difficult to get booted up and online.

"The Connect MK/Digital MK projects were set up to help create a digitally and socially inclusive modern city

"It recognised that having a computer was a vital step on the ladder to getting online and that for many people on low incomes the costs of purchasing their own along with the software and then the cost of a broadband were unobtainable."

Along with the computer loan service for just £2 per week, the company also offers a broadband package costing £13.99 per month (2Mb downloaded and 512kps uploading) which does not require a landline phone.

Cllr Sam Crooks, responsible for IT services, said: "We want to make Milton Keynes the UK's foremost digital city. But it must be that for every resident – not just those who can afford it."

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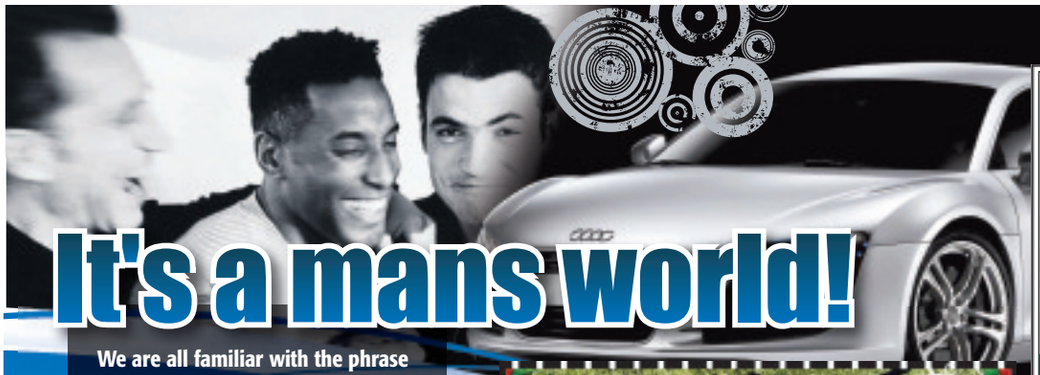

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THE city's water provider scooped another honour in last week's Global Green Awards.

Anglian Water won the Best Green Internal Communications Award for its Biodiversity Field Guide and Intranet site in the ceremony at the Natural History Museum on Thursday night.

The judges recognised the field guides' efforts to encourage staff to get involved in monitoring and maintaining the ecology of the east of England. The company looks after 47 Sites of Special Scientific Interest on its land.

The Global Green Awards recognise and reward the most creative and effective efforts to communicate environmental messages from around the world.

Andy Brown, biodiversity manager for Anglian Water, said: "Protecting wildlife and enhancing biodiversity is very important to us. Sites such as water and sewage treatment works are unlikely havens for wildlife. We want our staff to recognise the value of what we have, and help us take steps to protect it where we need to."

This is the second award the Biodiversity Field Guide has picked up this year, winning in the Corporate Responsibility category of the Institute of Internal Communications awards earlier in 2010.

Mr Brown added: "The aim of the guide is to engage, educate and enthuse staff about the wildlife that surrounds us in our jobs on a day-to-day basis.

"Both the guide and the website provide opportunities for staff to record what they have seen, and where, so we are able to monitor the biodiversity and plan developments which actively encourage it to thrive."

Cherry Trees Nursery children Lachlan, Topaz and Freya

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PC Viv named best neighbourhood cop

A POLICE constable from Leighton Buzzard's neighbourhood policing team is this year's Bedfordshire Police Community Officer of the Year.

PC Viv Dady received her award on Friday in a ceremony in which officers, support teams, volunteers and Special Constables are nominated by their peers and the public for outstanding work.

Once nominated, the entries are judged by an independent panel of members from across the force and Bedfordshire Police Authority.

Choosing the winners can be a tough choice for the judges – this year the Investigative Team of the Year was contested between a group of detectives who imprisoned a major drugs gang and the essential expertise of a Scenes of Crime Unit.

Chief Constable Gillian Parker said: "The awards are a great opportunity to recognise officers, staff and volunteers, at all levels within the force who go the extra mile and make a real contribution to serving our communities and making them safe from crime.

"They are also a way in which we can all celebrate the efforts that have improved our performance and acknowledge the outstanding work that is done every single day."

Beds Chief Constable Gillian Parker presents PC Viv Dady with her award

The awards cover many diverse activities and recognise the important work achieved by police officers, police staff and volunteers, at all levels within the Bedfordshire force.

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New help with application forms for British citizenship

A NEW service making it easier to deal with the paperwork of applying for British citizenship is to be launched by MK Council.

The Nationality Checking Service, funded by the Government, will start in the New Year and will help with correctly filling out the application forms and providing the relevant documents.

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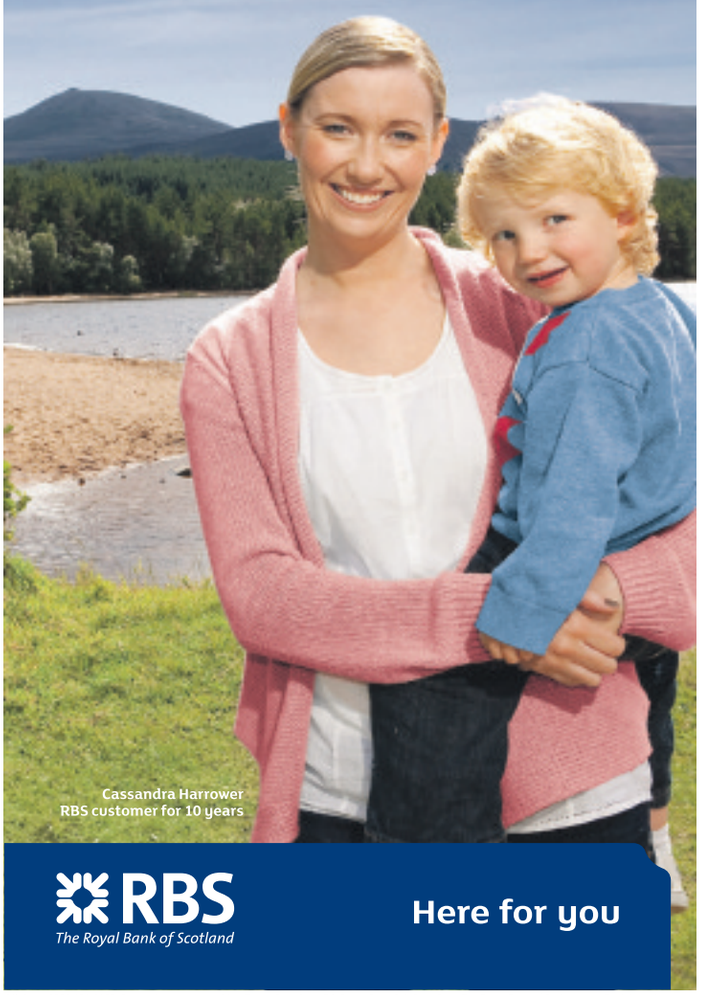

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Front from left to right: Stuart Southwell, Emma Wilde, Caroline Devine (Winner, 2010 MK Community Foundation Arts Bursary Award), Marc Davies (Winner, 2010 Adams Traditional Arts & Crafts Bursary), Lauren Keeley, Melanie Watts, Hillary Manuhwa. Back: Jason Smith, Jamie Chalmers, Kamil Szkopik, Steven Eyres, Frazer Waller

Bursary cheer for local artists

TWO talented artists have each scooped a share of a £10,000 bursary.

Caroline Devine and Marc Davies were the winners in the individual MK Community Foundation Arts Bursary awards in a presentation last week.

Sound artist Caroline, 41, was chosen for the £8,000 bursary after impressing the judges with her work encompassing a mixed-media of sound composition with recording and images.

She said: "The bursary presents a great opportunity for me to develop my practice. One of the primary obstacles in making creative work is the funding to realise projects.

"Over the coming year, I will no longer have to worry about this obstacle. By providing such generous assistance, the award will allow me an invaluable freedom to focus on new projects."

Cabinet maker Marc, 25, received the £2,000 Adams Traditional Arts & Crafts Bursary.

From his base at artworks-mk studios, Marc creates bespoke furniture using a range of wood from sustainable sources.

The Adams Bursary is a new privately-funded award gifted to the Community Foundation by a local family.

Grants director Bart Gamber said: "Caroline and Marc represent the diversity and high calibre of the emerging artistic talent in our city.

"Caroline's work is really pushing the boundaries in fascinating and thought-provoking ways, and Marc is a true champion of traditional woodworking techniques, producing pieces of the highest standard.

"Our winners both clearly show tremendous potential and we look forward to following and reporting on their successes over the coming year. We are delighted and proud to be able to help both of these gifted local artists pursue their ambitions."

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Railway Walk on track thanks to £65,000 boost

VOLUNTEERS braved the snow on Friday to spruce up a disused rail platform in Bradwell.

The event was organised by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to celebrate the Milton Keynes Railway Walk Experience.

The project, which promotes the use of the Railway Walk by organising conservation activities and family events, has been awarded £65,000 to improve the area.

The money was presented to BTCV by Peter Moralee, special projects manager for Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), a not-for-profit business that awards grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK.

It will now go towards improving access to the Railway Walk and creating a place for people to escape to and enjoy.

Peter Cox, managing director of WREN, said: "The Railway Walk continues to run fantastic activities and opportunities which encourage the involvement of local residents, and we're delighted to have supported this successful project.

"WREN is committed to funding projects that make a real difference to local communities, children and families." BTCV will now arrange more weekday and weekend activities along the Railway Walk, which runs between Wolverton and Newport Pagnell, over the next three years.

For more information on these projects, call 01296 330 033 or e-mail rwe@btcv.org.uk

Tony Higgins (neighbourhood engagement officer), Phil Snell (Milton Keynes Council), Peter Moralee (from WREN Waste Recycling Environmental), Monique van Assouw (BCTV), Ed Green (senior project officer) and Paul Forrest-Jameson (BTCV) at the Wolverton to Newport Pagnell Railway Walk

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Commuters can share a cab and save on fares

COMMUTERS will now be able to travel to and from Milton Keynes railway station by taxi at a third of the normal fare.

The national TAXISHAREUK scheme has been officially launched at Milton Keynes Central.

The initiative matches commuters with others making similar regular journeys.

It mirrors the CARSHAREMK scheme which has more than 3,500 members who save a tanker load (20,000 litres) of fuel each month.

The taxi version has a dedicated website – www.taxishareuk.com – which provides a service to team-up like-minded commuters from similar residential areas.

Members are able to calculate costs and savings before signing up and after an initial trial period of one week, bookings will be taken a month at a time.

Officers from Milton Keynes Council's transport team will be on hand at the TAXISHAREUK Road Shows on December 15 and 23, for information on the scheme and with representatives from CARSHAREMK and Arriva buses.

Transport boss Cllr Vanessa McPake said: "The scheme not only offers commuters the opportunity to take advantage of a 'chauffeur driven' ride to the station but will reduce congestion during peak times."

Stavros Flatley and son Lagi at the LG 3D stand in Middleton Hall, CMK

Life's a game for Stavros Flatley

STARS of this year's panto Stavros Flatley took five minutes to put their feet up and enjoy new 3D gaming on Friday.

Electronics company LG's Life's Good Lounge visited Middleton Hall, thecentre:mk, to give shoppers and Dick Whittington's Cypriot Royal family the chance to experience the latest home technology.

Shoppers also took on the dancing duo as they showed off their 3D gaming skills.

The Britain's Got Talent stars' appearance was a taster for the-atre-goers, who will see the father-and-son team in Dick Whittington – the first pantomime in MK to incorporate 3D footage into the show, which opens at MK Theatre on Friday, giving the audience an experience only previously seen on the big screen.

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Talented schoolkids raise cash for charity

STUDENTS at Ousedale School are celebrating following a successful Christmas Charity Week.

A range of events, like the popular Ousedale's Got Talent, saw staff, students and community groups all giving time and money in support of the school's charities, Save the Children and Willen Hospice.

The final of the talent competition packed out the hall, with the finalists being drawn from Years seven to ten, and acts ranging from a singing and dancing troupe to an exhibition of stacking cups.

But the judges were in two minds about the student who hummed the theme tune to Star Wars.

The week also included the annual OAPs' Christmas Party, organised by Thames Valley Police.

The cross-campus event brings together three generations of people to socialise and enjoy themselves, and helps the school to build relationships within and between the community.

PCSO Dave Huckle said: "This event has been running for a number of years and we are honoured that Thames Valley Police and the local neighbourhood team in Newport Pagnell are able to support the event for the third year running."

The total amount raised from all the activities is not yet known, but is expected to reach thousands of pounds.

Forty-five per cent of the money raised will go to each of the school charities, with ten per cent going to a charity nominated by students at the School Parliament. Deputy headteacher Andrew Burton said: "A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all those involved. Representatives of the chosen charities will be invited in to school to receive a cheque and talk to the students in assembly about how the money will be used by their charity.

"I'm already looking forward to next year's event."

Ousedale student Marvin, Father Christmas and Mayor Debbie Brock enjoy the OAPs' Christmas Party

Co-op provides grant-aid

THE Co-op has donated more than £1,500 to two city groups.

The Brackley Area Volunteer Service has received £1,136 to provide community transport for elderly residents.

The group enables elderly and disadvantaged residents in Brackley to attend medical appointments safely from their homes by volunteer drivers.

In addition, HEAR MK (Heritage, Education and Respect in Milton Keynes) received £415 for help with raising awareness.

The group works to build bridges between different cultures in the region, through attending discussion groups, arranging cross-cultural visits, and running educational field trips.

The Community Fund offers grants of between £100 and £2,000, with Co-operative members' committees allocating awards based on a set of values and principles such as social responsibility and caring for others.

About £200,000 is available annually to support charities and community groups in the region, with funds generated by members donating their share of Co-operative profits.

Application forms are available online at www.co-operative.coop/communityfund

The Co-operative's Regional Secretary, Paul Cranfield, said: "The Community Fund can make a real and lasting contribution to local communities and these Milton Keynes groups are deserving causes

"Many community groups share our co-operative values and could benefit from an award and we would certainly welcome their applications."

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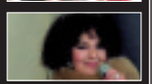

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OCEANA
Xscape 670976
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THE LIVING ROOM
thehub:mk 608643
MUSIC from a local musician on the baby grand piano every night at the swanky bar. Food from midday until late.

REVOLUTION
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SIMON DARNELL

PRETTY HATE MACHINE
Nine Inch Nails (album)

I DON'T make a habit of reviewing ancient albums every time one gets re-released, so when I do there needs to be a very good reason.

The reason why I'm reviewing the updated version of Nine Inch Nails' first album from way back in 1989 is simple – if you own the original, you might as well chuck it in the bin and delete any digital copies you've got, and if you don't, then you really should go out and buy the new edition.

This is a complete refit, from the massively improved sound quality to the new and immeasurably improved artwork.

The original design looked rubbish in 1989 and only looked worse when shown next to the artworks that adorned the follow-ups, whereas the new design harks back to the original but also brings it firmly into line with what followed.

However, it's not my job to review artwork, so here's what I think of the songs.

They're great.

Righto then, my work here is done.

What, that's not enough detail for you? I thought that covered everything.

Oh well, if you insist . . . what we have here is a debut album, but it's not tentatively hinting at what would come later. Here Trent Reznor hits the ground running, and while he's at it he's railing against the world and anything else that dares to cross his path.

See, making dark electronic music is a piece of cake, but making ANGRY electronic music that at the same time doesn't sound stupid, well, that's a talent and a half.

He even gets away with slowing things right down with the really rather stunning Something I Can Never Have.

What surprised me was how much the remaster has improved the songs – they were bursting with life before, but now they're clearer, louder, more forceful and even better.

Now, if there's one thing that's not right with this album, it's the inclusion of an extra track at the end.

Ringfinger has the perfect ending to round off the album, but the effect is somewhat spoiled when it's followed by an (admittedly good) overhaul of Queen's Get Down Make Love.

That minor quibble aside, if you want to hear what a rock band making an electronic album would sound like then this album is pretty much an essential buy, whether or not you've got the original.

It really is that good.

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The Smiths Indeed

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Tickets £15

THE SMITHS INDEED
Friday, 8pm
THE Smiths Indeed reproduce with uncanny accuracy the Smiths live experience. The band's seminal album Meat is Murder will be performed here note for note, followed by an anthemic greatest hits set. Tickets £17.50, student tickets half price.

MARTYNA
Friday, December 10, 8.45pm
HAVING completed the Leverhulme Artist Programme (a scholarship awarded to only five people in the country and run by The Stables), Martyna has gone on to establish herself as one of the UK's most promising up-and-coming singer-songwriters. Returning to her roots Martyna will be accompanied by her band performing new material.
Tickets £9.50, £11.50 on the door.

THE VINYLETTES
Saturday, 8pm
THE UK's newest vocal harmony trio, singing songs from the 1940s, their swing sound is guaranteed to lift everyone's spirits. Laura, Karen and Jacqui are accomplished jazz singers who share a passion for the vocal arts of yesteryear. Together with classic songs such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Mister Sandman and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, The Vinylettes have created cutting-edge vocal reworks of popular chart songs, appealing to audiences of all ages.
Tickets £15

BUDDY HOLLY AND THE CRICKETERS
Sunday, 8pm
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Stavros Flatley, Joanna Page and Dirk Benedict star in Dick Whittington

Practice makes a perfect panto

CRAMMED into a small, electrically-heated room are dozens of dancers, actors, children, production staff - and Stavros Flatley Snr.

They are all practicing the final scene of panto Dick Whittington, and I'm in the lucky position of getting a sneaky peak at the ending.

But as they run through the final words, a strange thing happens - the very last line is replaced with a chorus of "de da de da".

Jonathan Oliver, the company and stage manager, tells me there are a lot of traditions and superstitions surrounding panto.

"They never say the last line until the first stage performance.

"You also have things like the baddy always entering from the right, and the goody from the left, and they never cross sides."

Rehearsals have been in full swing for over two weeks now in preparation for the opening on Friday, but Jonathan says even that small amount of time is a blessing for panto practice.

He said: "You would probably rehearse a West End show for about eight weeks in a studio, then four weeks on stage.

"But two weeks is a luxury for panto, some companies only get one.

"For the cast it's quite difficult because it's a very disjointed process. You can't do it in a logical way because you would have people sitting around for long periods."

I'm then distracted by Dirk Benedict attempting to sing a line from Journey's Don't Stop Believing.

Jonathan tells me once the cast are well practiced, the next step is technical rehearsals, with all back-stage staff rehearsing their roles, such as lighting and costume changes. One journalist back stage once likened a costume change to a Formula 1 pit-stop – the actor literally stands there while one person changes their shoes, one person switches the hat and so on.

"It also gets quite competitive, with each person trying to beat each other's times from show to show."

There are nearly 40 people directly involved in each show, and each person needs to be well practiced to know exactly where they need to be and when.

So it's no wonder everybody will put in around 100 hours each, with two full run-throughs of the show.

But then the work's not over. There's two shows a day, six days a week, for six weeks - 63 performances in all – even the numbers make me tired.

ADAM GRINSELL

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8pm

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By Chilean playwright Ariel Dorfman, this play is a challenging and demanding piece for both the audience and the cast.

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

Ben Barnes, Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, Will Poulter

From Thursday

STRANDED in wartime England, Edmund Pevensie and his sister Lucy are drawn to a painting of a ship that reminds them of their adventures in Narnia. When the painting suddenly swallows them up, the Pevensies and their cousin Eustace find themselves on board the ship, The Dawn Treader. Also on the voyage are Edmund and Lucy's friend King Caspian and the warrior mouse Reepicheep. The fate of Narnia rests on their mission.

Ben Barnes as King Caspian and Skandar Keynes as Edmund Pevensie in The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

THE TOURIST

Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie, Paul Bettany, Rufus Sewell

From Friday

FRANK is on a visit to Italy he hopes will help mend his broken heart. On his travels he encounters a beautiful woman named Elise. But their meeting is no accident. Elise's former lover is being pursued by deadly forces, and she has deliberately crossed Frank's path to throw them off the scent.

SOMEWHERE (15)

Stephen Dorff, Elle Fanning, Michelle Monaghan, Chris Pontius

From Friday

SUCCESSFUL but jaded actor Johnny Marco is holed up in LA's Chateau Marmont hotel recovering from a minor injury. He fills his time with pole dancers, pills and partying. When his ex-wife heads off on a trip, she leaves their 11-year-old daughter Cleo in his care. The two hang out, and Johnny takes her with him when he goes to Rome to promote his latest movie.

NO PROBLEM

Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, Sushmita Sen, Paresh Rawal

From Friday

TWO small-time crooks go for one last job and wind up in a calamitous comedy of errors. Yash and Raj's latest bank robbery has landed them in hot water.

MEGAMIND (PG)

Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill

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THE BE ALL AND END ALL (15)

Eugene Byrne, Josh Bolt, Connor McIntyre, Liza Tarbuck

Now showing

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

GRAHAM Robins Duo, White Horse, Stony Stratford. Van Morrison without the posturing and 37-minute versions of fine songs. 9-11pm.

SATURDAY

CAROL Concert, Stowe Landscape Gardens. The Buckingham Choral Society and the Great Horwood Silver Band in the Marble Saloon of Stowe House. Mulled wine and mince pies. 3.15pm. £10 adults, £5 children, £25 family. Tickets on 01280 822 850.

CLOUD Nine, White Horse, Stony Stratford. Covers from Elvis through Beatles and Stones, to Bowie and up to The Zutons and Kaiser Chiefs, plus Sam & Dave and Booker T. 9-11pm.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

BLETCHLEY Park Christmas Extravaganza. Christmas market, ice rink, fairground, Santa's grotto, real snow, children's activities and lots more. 50 stalls with a range of gifts and food. 10.30am-8pm. Normal admission prices apply.

SUNDAY

BANGLADESHI community Victory Day celebration, Great Linford Memorial Hall. Musical drama involving war history, music, dance and recitation, along with traditional Bangladeshi food. 3.30pm. £5, children under five free.

HULA Animal Rescue Open Day, Glebe Farm, Aspley Guise. See Santa. Charity bazaar, children's corner, home-made refreshments and mince pies. Meet rescued pets, ponies and farm animals. 1-3.30pm. £2.

MONDAY

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5	**CHICKEN FEAST** BBQ Sauce, Plain Chicken, Mushrooms & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
6	**AMERICANA** Onion, Pepperoni, Beef, Green Chillies & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
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9	**MEAT FEAST** Beef, Pepperoni, Turkey & Chicken Tikka	9.50	12.50	15.50
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SIDE ORDERS

Jalapino Cream Cheese. 6 pcs	£3.50
Breaded Mozzerella stick 8 pcs	£3.95
Garlic Bread 4 pcs	£1.70
Garlic Bread with Cheese 4pcs	£2.20
Potato Wedges 1portion	£2.95
Potato twister 1 portion	£2.95
Onion Rings 10 pcs	£2.00

CHICKEN

Family Buckets:

1) 15 piece chicken, 4 fries with 1.5ltr coke	£18.50
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3) 12 piece chicken, 4 fries with 1.5ltr coke	£16.99
Hot n spicy chicken wings & fries & drink meal	£3.50
6 chicken nuggets & fries	£2.99
1 piece of chicken & fries	£1.99
2 pcs chicken & fries	£2.99
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BURGERS

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Sheekh Roll	£4.50
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Lamb Donner Roll	£4.50
Donner meat & fries	£3.99

KEBABS

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MARGHERITA (V) Cheese & Tomato	£9.30	£10.30	£11.50	£14.50
FUNGHI Cheese & Tomato + mushrooms				
SALAMI Cheese Tomato + salami	£9.30	£10.50	£11.80	£14.80
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PAZZA Cheese & Tomato + salami, ham				
MILANO Cheese & Tomato + ham, mushrooms				
HAWAIIAN Cheese & Tomato + ham, pineapple				
POLLO Cheese & Tomato + chicken, mushrooms	£9.50	£11.00	£12.00	£15.00
TEXAS Cheese & Tomato + beef, bacon				
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L.A. Cheese & Tomato + ham, beef				
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MIAMI (V) Cheese & Tomato + corn, mushrooms, peppers, onions				
BBQ BONANZA Cheese & tomato + BBQ sauce, red onion, spicy beef, sausage				
PEPPERONI FEAST Cheese & Tomato + double mozzarella, double pepperoni	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
PICANTE Cheese & Tomato + salami, peppers, garlic, chilli				

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DIAL A PIZZA

ALL WEEK DEAL
Any pizza + choice of side order 1-9 on main menu + 1.5ltrt bottle of coke
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2 x 15" LARGE £22.95
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DIAL A PIZZA SPECIAL Cheese & Tomato + 8 toppings of your choice				
CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Cheese & Tomato + chicken tikka, onions, peppers	£10.30	£12.00	£14.30	£17.00
TEXAN BBQ Cheese & Tomato + BBQ sauce, onion, peppers, BBQ chicken, bacon				
DALLAS Cheese & Tomato + ham, salami, chicken, beef, bacon,sausage				
MEAT LOVERS Cheese & Tomato + double salami, double pepperoni, double ham, & double beef	£12.00	£14.00	£16.00	£19.00
CALZONE Cheese & Tomato & ham, salami, mushrooms	£9.80	£11.20	N/A	N/A

SIDE ORDERS

1. Garlic Bread (4 pcs)	£1.50
2. Garlic Bread (4 pcs) with cheese	£2.50
3. French Fries	£1.20
4. Prawn Cocktail	£2.70
5. Potato Wedges	£2.00
6. Mixed Salad	£1.50
7. Coleslaw	£1.40
8. Garlic Mushrooms	£1.70
9. Onion Rings (10 pcs)	£2.00
BBQ Spare Pork Ribs	£4.50
2 Potato Skins + BBQ dip filled with mozzarella	£3.00

SF CHICKEN, Kebabs, Burgers

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Choice of dips – garlic, herb, BBQ, sweet chilli, sour cream and chives	£0.35
BBQ chicken wings (6 pcs) + 1 dip	£3.50
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Chicken Burger with mayonnaise, salad,french fries	£3.95
Southern Fried Chicken (2 pcs) with french fries	£3.50
Southern Fried Chicken (3 pcs) with french fries	£4.50
Southern Fried Chicken (4 pcs) with french fries	£5.50
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CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 4 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS (ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 8 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00

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Gateaux	1.50
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DRINKS

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Coke/Orange/Lemonade cans	0.60

MEAL DEALS

Chicken Burger & Chips	3.95
1/2 Pound Beefburger & Chips	3.95
2 Pieces Chicken & Chips	3.50
3 Pieces Chicken & Chips	4.50
4 Pieces Chicken & Chips	5.50
Extra Piece of Chicken	1.00
Steak (8oz Sirloin) with Chips, Mushrooms & Salad	9.00
Large Doner Kebab	4.50
Small Doner Kebab	3.50

PIZZA MENU

(ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)

STEP 01: CHOOSE YOUR PIZZA BASE
* REGULAR BASE (Our Famous Original Crust)
* STUFFED CRUST (Add £1.50 per pizza 9" & 12" only)
* CHICAGO DEEP-PAN (American style deep crust)

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STEP 02: SELECT YOUR PIZZA TASTE

	9" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" Deep Pan	15" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL
1. PAPA LUIGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushroom, Salami, Peppers, Olives, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
2. HOT "N" SPICY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Peppers, Jalapenos, Garlic	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
3. VEGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese ,Peppers, Corn, Mushrooms, Pineapple, Olives, Onion	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
4. PESCATORE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
5. BBQ BONANZA Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Red Onions, Spicy Beef, Sausage	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
6. TEXAN BBQ BBQ Sauce, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
7. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
8. MILANESE Tomato, Cheese, Ham , Mushrooms	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
9. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
10. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
11. CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onion, Peppers	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
12. NEW YORKER Tomato, Onion & Green Peppers, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
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PARK LIFE

Picture by Dino Vescera

Experience the great outdoors

THE early cold snap has given Milton Keynes a real Christmas card feel, especially in the city's beautiful parks.

Frost, snow and ice have adorned the plants and trees and provided their own natural decorations in the wintry landscape - a perfect complement to the twinkling Christmas trees and lights springing up all around to mark the festive season.

Christmas can be a hectic time with a constant whirl of shopping, social events and visiting, so it's important to try to pace yourself.

Experiencing the great outdoors and all it has to offer is a good way of making the festive season less frenetic.

Going for a walk in the fresh air helps blow away the cobwebs, gives you some exercise and lets you escape from the crowds for a little while.

While you're out, you might also find some inspiration for your home decorations as there are leaves, twigs, berries and foliage around which can be incorporated into wonderful natural displays. But be considerate about what you take and make sure you leave enough for the wildlife and for others to enjoy.

If you want to see some natural displays of festive holly and ivy, try to visit the city's ancient woodlands which become magical winter wonderlands at this time of year.

Linford Wood, Shenley Wood and Howe Park Wood are all wonderful destinations for a short family walk and are just right to walk off the excesses of all that Christmas food.

This year Linford Wood is also the setting for The Parks Trust's popular annual outdoor carols.

Dress up warmly and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and get ready to sing your hearts out on Sunday, December 19 from 4-5.30pm. The event is free and there's no need to book.

Wintry weather can, of course, mean freezing conditions and during this time you need to enjoy the parks of Milton Keynes in safety and take common-sense precautions when walking outdoors.

While a frozen lake, pond or stream may look like an attractive natural ice-skating opportunity, they are dangerous and people should guard against slippery paths, embankments and the temptation to go onto the ice.

Following simple safety measures will ensure that everyone will be able to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the parks.

Keep away from the water's edge and under no circumstances go onto the ice; be extra vigilant with young children close to the water's edge; keep your dog under control near frozen water; if you see an accident on the ice call the emergency services straight away, do not attempt to go out onto the ice yourself; wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear.

■ For further information visit www.theparkstrust.com

TASTE LIFE

PAPA LUIGI'S

16 Heathfields, Stacey Bushes
01908 313355
Review by Kirsten Rawlins

WHEN Papa Luigi pizza boxes arrived at the office the room stopped. Then came the rush.

Boxes were ripped open, plates were brought out, and once the seagulls had cleared, all that was left were empty cartons and a room filled with silence.

It's amazing how a good pizza can put a newsroom on mute.

Once more I was very pleased, as not only did I not have to brave the snow to get my lunch, I was having hot food which beat packet sandwiches by miles.

We enjoyed a variety of Papa Luigi goodies from the hawaiian, to the meat feast, to the veggie special and the Texan barbeque.

And for those who really wanted heating up, the hot and spicy.

Oh, and just in case we had eaten the mass of pizzas and there was still room for more – cheesy garlic baguettes.

Each pizza was as delicious as the other, with crispy, thin bases and mounds of cheesy topping. To pick a favourite I would be torn between the meat feast and the Texan barbeque, but they were all really fantastic.

As was the garlic bread. So good in fact I was left hoping no interviews would come up, as I was sure to repel anyone with the amount I had eaten.

The only trouble is, there's no chance I'll be losing those winter pounds any time soon – as they were so good we are bound to order them again.

So ditch the winter blues and forget going out in the snow, order yourself a Papa Luigi's and enjoy.

You won't be disappointed.

Sebastiano Scibelli and Stefan Malajny – two of the founders of Papa Luigi's

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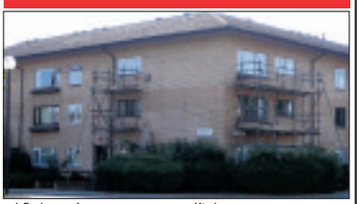

- 1 Bedroom Apartment
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
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- Viewing Recommended

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Recommended

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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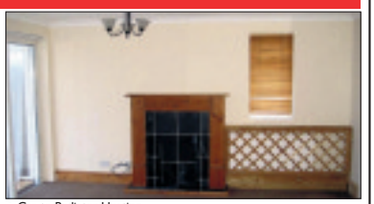

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Grange Farm	5 Bed	£1495pcm

Emerson Valley
- One Bedroom
- Unfurnished
- White Goods
- Parking
- Available now

£550 pcm

Central Milton Keynes
- One Bedroom
- Furnished
- Garden
- Parking
- Available now

£525 pcm

Wanlut Tree
- One bed first floor maisonette
- Allocated parking
- Cul de sac location
- Unfurnished
- Available now

£525 pcm

Conniburrow
- One Bedroom
- Close to CMK
- White Goods
- Unfurnished
- Available 13/12/10

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Campbell Park
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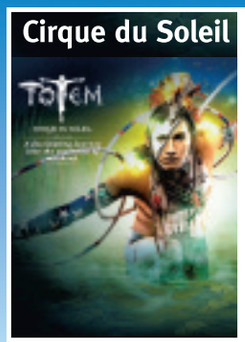

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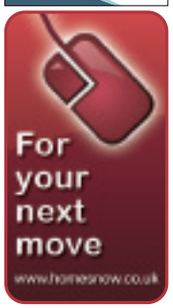

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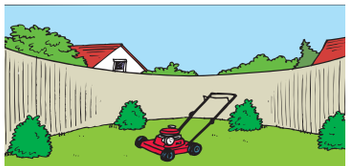

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The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. All letters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Most simple and straightforward applications are delegated to me to decide but, when the application is determined by the Council's Development Management Committee, you may make your views known by speaking at the Committee meeting. Should the application/s on which you wish to comment be one/s which will be determined by the Development Management Committee and if you wish to present your views in person to the Committee as well as in writing, please say so clearly in your representations and I will send you details of how to proceed as soon as the Committee date is known.

Assistant Director Development Management 05 December 2010

APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04021/FULL Departure from Dev. Plan/Gen. Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use of two residential bungalows and Dog studio to B1 office use and agricultural buildings to B1, B2, B8 use.
LOCATION:	Deans Farm, Billington Road, Stanbridge, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9HL
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04203/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of use from A1 retail to A3 coffee shop.
LOCATION:	20 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3HA
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04238/FULL Major Development & General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing Class A1 retail warehouse (Homebase) and construction of extension (2,650 sqm) to existing Class A1 foodstore (Tesco) with additional car parking and landscaping. Construction of freestanding canalside Class A3 restaurant/cafe unit with public realm enhancements on Leighton Road frontage.
LOCATION:	Tesco Stores Ltd, Vimy Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04252/FULL Departure / Major / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Application for the partial replan of approved application ref. SB/TP/09/00074 (378 dwellings) to erect 163 dwellings (355 total), with associated car parking, public open space (including amphitheatre) and landscaping.
LOCATION:	Former Trico Site, High Street North, Dunstable
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04292/FULL Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Retention of stable block
LOCATION:	Land to the rear of 100A Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable, LU6 3RG
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04092/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of two storey side extension
LOCATION:	59 Lanes End, Heath And Reach, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0AE
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04115/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	First floor extension and alterations to dwelling
LOCATION:	11 Leighton Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6AN
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04116/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	First floor extension and alterations to dwelling
LOCATION:	9 Leighton Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6AN
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04171/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of use from A1 retail to A2 estate agents
LOCATION:	11 Ropa Court, Friday Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DU

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON HUMPHRYS ROAD, WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DUNSTABLE

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Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The restrictions are aimed at keeping specific lengths of road clear of parked vehicles to ensure that on-road cycle lanes on Humphrys Road are not obstructed. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting At Any Time on the following lengths of road in Dunstable:

A. Northern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, north-west and north-east sides, from a point approximately 17 metres south-west of the north-west flank wall of no.16 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly, then south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 126 metres.
2. Humphrys Road, south-east and south-west sides, from a point approximately 17 metres south-west of the north-west flank wall of no.16 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly, then south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 86 metres.

B. Southern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, south-west side, from a point approximately 8 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 40 metres.
2. Humphrys Road, south side, from the south-eastern end of the access road to the rear of nos.1 to 3 Humphrys Road in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 43 metres.
3. Humphrys Road, north-east and north-west sides, from a point approximately 8 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly, then north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 104 metres.

C. Eastern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, both sides, from a point approximately 30 metres south-east of the projection of the north-western flank wall of no.7 Humphrys Road in a southerly, then south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 102 metres.

Further Details of the proposal and a plan may be examined during normal office hours at Central Bedfordshire Council at the address below and during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place Dunstable LU5 4HA. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For more information, please contact Ben Gadsby on 0845 365 6121 or email ben.gadsby@amey.co.uk.

Objections should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annex, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NU or e-mail centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk stating the grounds on which they are made by 24th December 2010.

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways and Transport
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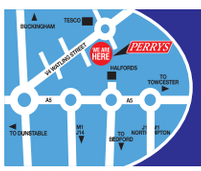

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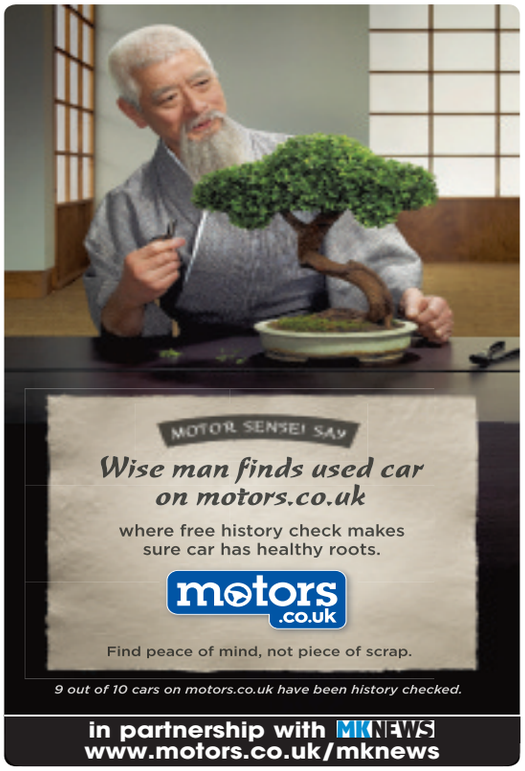

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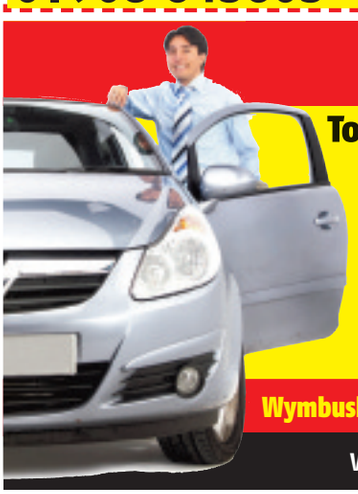

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

4	Plymouth	H	Postponed
11	Notts County	A	
18	Oldham	H	
26	Leyton Orient	A	
28	Bournemouth	H	

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	
3	Yeovil	A	
8	Exeter	A	
15	Tranmere	H	
22	Dag & Red	A	
29	Leyton Orient	H	

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	
5	Sheff Wed	A	
12	Brentford	H	
19	Hartlepool	A	
26	Brighton	H	

March

5	Rochdale	A	
8	Charlton	H	
12	Colchester	A	
19	Peterborough	H	
26	Walsall	H	

April

2	Southampton	A	
9	Carlisle	H	
16	Swindon	A	
22	Huddersfield	H	
25	Plymouth	A	
30	Notts County	H	

May

7	Oldham	A	

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

YESTERDAY the first team squad were given the day off, which allowed me to do some work with the younger players at the club.

Once a week I help coach the development squad where I'm given the chance to work one-on-one with the likes of Adam Chicksen, Tom Flanagan, Daniel Powell, George Baldock and George Williams.

It's important that we keep an eye on Mike Dove's lads and bring them through to the first team, and Karl is a big believer in doing that.

With our game against Plymouth being postponed the first team haven't played a competitive match in a number of weeks, so we've decided to take them to Spurs today for a behind-closed-doors match.

Thankfully only one match went ahead in League One last weekend so we're in the same boat as everyone else.

Hopefully the Spurs game will stand us in good stead for our trip to Notts County on Saturday.

Obviously Paul Ince and Alex Rae will be in the home dugout and I'm looking forward to seeing them both.

Incey, like anyone who leaves a club and comes up against them, will want a result against us. I'm sure there will be a few things said about the two management teams coming up against each other for the first time, but more importantly it's a big game for both clubs.

We want to get back in the play-offs mix-up and they will be looking to get away from the relegation zone.

On a separate note I must say I was shocked to hear my close friend Chris Hughton had been sacked by Newcastle - I suppose it shows the fickle nature of football.

It shows no matter how well you're doing it's all about the big people at the top and if they now want a bigger name to take over that's what they'll do.

I text Chris as soon as I heard and I plan on calling him once the dust has settled. There's no doubt in my mind that he will bounce back because everyone in football can see he did a great job with Newcastle.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	18	6	3	0	17	7	4	3	2	13	6	17	36
2	Charlton	18	5	3	1	11	10	4	2	3	20	14	7	32
3	Bournemouth	18	7	1	1	25	8	1	5	3	11	12	16	30
4	Sheff Wed	19	5	2	3	10	5	4	1	4	17	9	13	30
5	Huddersfield	18	5	2	2	16	8	4	0	5	13	12	9	29
6	Oldham	18	4	5	0	15	8	3	3	3	12	13	6	29
7	Colchester	18	4	4	2	16	16	3	4	1	9	7	2	29
8	Southampton	18	5	3	2	15	6	3	1	4	11	10	10	28
9	Carlisle	18	5	3	2	16	9	2	3	3	10	9	8	27
10	Peterborough	18	5	1	3	24	22	3	1	5	12	17	-3	26
11	Exeter	18	4	3	1	15	12	3	2	5	12	19	-4	26
12	MK Dons	18	6	2	1	14	9	2	0	7	11	21	-5	26
13	Brentford	18	3	2	4	9	13	4	2	3	12	8	0	25
14	Swindon	19	5	2	3	14	14	1	4	4	16	19	-3	24
15	Hartlepool	17	3	2	3	13	18	3	3	3	7	6	-4	23
16	Rochdale	18	3	4	2	15	12	2	3	4	11	12	2	22
17	Plymouth	18	4	2	4	14	16	2	2	4	9	13	-6	22
18	Bristol Rovers	18	3	2	3	7	12	2	5	3	14	16	-7	22
19	Tranmere	18	3	2	4	9	13	3	2	4	10	13	-7	22
20	Leyton Orient	18	4	2	2	11	8	1	4	5	14	17	0	21
21	Notts County	17	5	0	4	12	11	1	1	6	9	17	-7	19
22	Dag & Red	18	2	4	2	9	10	1	2	7	10	22	-13	15
23	Yeovil	18	2	2	4	11	16	2	1	7	9	20	-16	15
24	Walsall	18	3	0	6	10	16	1	2	6	7	16	-15	14

Tears to two tiers

World Cup woes put aside as Chairman Pete pushes on to increase stadium capacity to 32,000

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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CHAIRMAN Pete Winkelman is on a mission to complete the building work at MK Dons' stadiummk by 2012.

The unsuccessful England 2018 bid put an end to any aspirations the Dons supremo had about transforming stadiummk to a 44,000-seater.

But fears that stadiummk, with only the lower bowl of 22,000 complete, would remain half-finished have been put to bed by Winkelman.

"If anything it is the complete opposite," Winkelman told MK NEWS.

He said: "If the World Cup had come to England we needed to put a third tier on top so that would have raised the question whether to do the two tiers together.

"Now it is certain that we will be finishing the stadium to 32,000 and we are working very hard to make sure that is done as soon as possible."

Planning permission for a new retail outlet and a casino at the Denbigh site have been approved.

The retail outlet, expected to be Marks and Spencers although this has not yet been confirmed, will provide the funds needed to finish the upper tier.

In the summer of 2007 the Dons moved in to stadiummk and while he admits the delays to the remainder of the stadium have been frustrating, Winkelman insists work on the stadium, arena and the developments on site remain his number one priority.

"I am still completely driven and committed to getting the stadium complete. That's not just the upper tier, but the site itself - the roads, the outlets, everything.

"We'd like to think we'll be able to make a start next summer.

"At the moment it is all looking really good but I don't want to be over confident about timelines because I'm dependent on the world economy.

"The process has taken longer than we would have liked. We never expected to open the stadium and not have it finished.

"Unfortunately the economy has changed a lot in the past few years which has restricted our development abilities.

"We're looking at 2012, that kind of time frame, but we also have to be realistic to the economic situation.

"I'm a man on a mission to get the stadium complete."

Boss 'disappointed' with FIFA's decision

DONS boss Karl Robinson echoed the thoughts of millions up and down the country when he expressed his disappointment in FIFA overlooking England for the 2018 World Cup.

Robinson was one of the hundreds gathered at stadiummk last Thursday to watch on the big screen as FIFA president Sepp Blatter revealed Russia would stage the tournament in eight years time.

Although he was keen to congratulate Russia on their successful bid there was no hiding his frustration in England missing out.

Robinson said: "The decision's been made and you've got to accept it and wish Russia all the luck in the world and hope that they can host a phenomenal World Cup – if their bid is anything to go by it will be an incredible one because ours was one of the best bids you've ever seen so their's must have been very special. As a football fan I'm very disappointed.

"From a manager's point of view you've got to have a professional stance on it, but as a football fan I'm bitterly disappointed.

"I'm going to miss out on seeing the World Cup in our country which is something we all dream of doing.

"It could be 2030 until we're involved in the next one that will almost take it to 70 years that the greatest league in the world has been starved of the World Cup – something can't be right with that.

"It's a disappointing one but we're immensely proud to be involved in it. MK's involvement in England's bid has help raise the profile of the city and the club on a national and international level."

COMING UP

NOTTS COUNTY
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THE weather and the FA Cup weekend has left MK Dons without a match in 18 days.

A frozen pitch postponed the Dons' home match with Plymouth Argyle last weekend meaning they have not been in action since their 4-1 defeat at Huddersfield Town on November, 23.

Notts County have also been out of action for the same amount of time due to the weather.

The Magpies were meant to play their rearranged FA Cup second round match against AFC Bournemouth last night, but the game was postponed for a second time due to a frozen pitch at Meadow Lane.

Since taking charge manager Paul Ince has seen his Notts County side lose three times - to Southampton, Exeter City and Tranmere Rovers.

Their only league win came in a 1-0 victory over Swindon Town.

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ICE HOCKEY

It's do-or-die time for Lightning in semis bid

SATURDAY presents a 'winner takes all' situation for MK Lightning as they look to book a spot in the Premier League Cup semi-finals.

Lightning will travel to Slough Jets this weekend knowing only victory will take them through to the last four of the competition.

The MK ice hockey side are just two points behind Slough heading into the final round of games.

The semi-finals are still a realistic possibility for Lightning after an impressive 6-2 win over Swindon Wildcats last Saturday.

For two periods Swindon tried to stifle Lightning's game and only the forward line of Nick Poole, Andre Smulter and Adam Carr really challenged the Wildcats' defence.

When Lightning managed to get beyond the back line they were denied by young Swindon netminder James Hadfield.

It was the Wildcats who opened the scoring inside the fifth minute when Sam Bullas was on target, but Lightning managed to find an equaliser when Adam Brittle followed up a rebounded shot.

And Lightning took the lead in the final minute of the first period when, in a rare venture deep into the opposition zone, defender Michael Farn scored after Michael Wales' initial effort bounced loose.

A penalty strewn second period gave both teams plenty of chances but neither side could capitalise despite a few goal mouth scrambles.

The fans were given something to become vocal about when Wales and Matt Foord came together to drop gloves as a fight broke out.

In the final period, somewhat against the run of play, Jets' Bullas was able to bag an equaliser.

However, that proved to be a wake-up call for Lightning as a mere 22 seconds later MK's man of the match Adam Carr scored the first of three more goals to put the result beyond doubt.

Further efforts from imports Lukas Zatopek and Monir Kalgoum made the scoreline 6-2 in favour of the home side which gave the impression of a one-sided game, but for almost 50 minutes Swindon held their own.

When Lightning turned their attentions to the league the following day their hopes of keeping hold of their title were dealt another blow as they went down 2-1 to rivals Peterborough Phantoms.

Leigh Jamieson scored Lightning's only goal of the night in a hard-fought game.

Lightning sit in fifth place in the EPL table, six points behind fourth placed Jets and with games in hand.

■ LIGHTNING travel to Slough Jets on Saturday, face-off 6.30pm and on Sunday they are at home to Bracknell Bees on Sunday, face-off 5.30pm.

Goalmouth action aginst Swindon

Pic Jez Tibbetts

PRO GOLF

Poulter misses out on Euro top spot

IAN Poulter has been named the European Tour Golfer of the Month for November.

But Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer were named joint winners of the 2010 European Tour Golfer of the Year.

Both players won their first major titles, McDowell at the US Open, Kaymer at the US PGA, both won four times and both were members of the victorious Ryder Cup side.

Poulter claimed the UBS Hong Kong Open before narrowly missing out on the Dubai World Championship. The Woburn Golf professional finished in a tie for the lead with Swede Robert Karlsson, but missed out on the victory following a bizarre incident in the play-off.

Poulter is the only player to win the monthly award twice in 2010.

AND THEY'RE OFF

THE adverse weather has played havoc with the local and national sporting fixtures.

■ MK Dons' League One fixture against Plymouth Argyle was postponed due to a frozen pitch at stadiummk.

All tickets purchased for the original fixture will be valid for the rearranged game, though refunds will be available from the MK Dons Box Office at stadiummk.

The Dons' 'Buckingham Big Day' theme for the game has been rescheduled for their game against Tranmere Rovers at stadiummk on January, 15.

A date for the rearranged match has not yet been announced.

■ THE basketball was also affected by the cold snap.

MK Lions' trip to Worthing Thunder was postponed and a new date for the game has not yet been confirmed.

■ YET again the latest round of rugby matches were unable to take place.

Olney's home game with Witney was postponed. Doff's Field was unplayable and the club have been forced to cancel several training sessions.

Olney are due to travel to Reading on Saturday and Bletchley are set to visit Amersham and Chiltern.

Meanwhile, the semi-final line-up for the Bucks Cup has been announced.

High Wycombe will host Olney, while Bletchley will travel to Amersham and Chiltern. Both games will take place on Saturday, February 12.

FORMULA 1

Going for a gong – Red Bull pick up glut of top awards

RED Bull Racing have collected a host of awards following their double winning Formula One season.

World Champion Sebastian Vettel was named the International Racing Driver of the Year at the Autosport awards while the Red Bull RBR6, which helped the young German driver clinch his first title and the team their first Constructors Championship, won Car of the Year.

At a separate awards evening team mate Mark Webber, who has revealed he completed the last four races of the season with a broken shoulder following a cycling accident, picked up a hat-trick of gongs at the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC) annual awards.

Webber was awarded the BRDC Gold Star, the Bruce McLaren Trophy and the Richard Seaman Trophy while chief technical officer Adrian Newey collected the Sir Jackie Stewart Award.

On Sunday night Vettel attended a swanky ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London where he picked up the honour.

And on Monday he was at the star-studded BRDC Annual Awards.

Brilliant: Adrian Newey collected the Sir Jackie Stewart Award at the BRDC annual awards

Webber managed to pip World Touring Car driver Andy Priaulx to the BRDC's premier annual award, the Gold Star, and the Aussie also picked up the Richard Seaman Trophy.

Webber was also presented with the Bruce McLaren Trophy which is given to the Commonwealth driver who has established the most meritorious performances in international motor racing.

Red Bull's Formula One success was further celebrated by Adrian Newey who collected the Sir Jackie Stewart Award, presented annually to a motor sport engineer who has shown brilliance during the course of the season.

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Robinson hopes to raise a glass with the Guv'nor

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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KARL Robinson is looking forward to sharing a glass of wine with his former boss Paul Ince when the two go head-to-head at Meadow Lane.

The two have not spoken for a number of months despite negotiations taking place between MK Dons and Notts County when Alex Rae quit as first team coach at stadiummk to become Ince's assistant, following his appointment at County in October.

Robinson spent last season as Ince's number two before being promoted to manager at the Dons when the former Manchester United star resigned in May.

There is no doubt all eyes will be on the two dug outs when the ex-work mates battle it out on the sidelines for the first time.

But Robinson has tried to play down the encounter and heaped praise on his opposite number.

He told MK NEWS: "I don't want to get dragged into all of that - everyone knows I have a lot of respect for Paul Ince and the opportunities he gave me at this football club.

"I'm really looking forward to the game, I'm looking forward to standing next to him on the touchline and managing my side against his.

"He's achieved so much in the game you have to respect that."

If the game were at stadiummk Robinson would have a fridge full of drinks to share with the opposing manager, and he hopes there is a similar selection of beverages available at Meadow Lane come 5pm on Saturday.

> I think it's an important tradition that win, lose or draw you have a bit of class and dignity about you to share a drink with your opposite number after the game
>
> **– Dons boss Karl Robinson, pictured right on the touchline with former manager Paul Ince**

He said: "I think it's an important tradition that win, lose or draw you have a bit of class and dignity about you to share a drink with your opposite number after the game."

The duo's paths first crossed at Liverpool, when Ince took charge of the Dons, and then Blackburn Rovers, he employed Robinson as a first team coach before making him assistant on his return to stadiummk last summer.

Ince might know how Robinson operates as a coach and assistant, but it is his right-hand man Rae who is key to Notts County's preparations.

And Robinson is all too aware that Rae knows all his training tricks. He said: "They know exactly the way I work, how I prepare my team, how I coach and the set-pieces I use.

"So I suppose they have the upper hand in that respect, I doubt they will be better prepared for a game all season. But we have a few tricks up our sleeves, we've been working on a few new set-pieces so they won't know everything."

Neither side has played since November 23 and with the Dons three points adrift from the play-offs and County struggling in the relegation zone, both managers will be desperate for victory.

Robinson added: "I really can't wait for the game. I can't wait to see the players out on the pitch again and get that Saturday afternoon buzz that comes with football."

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You can put your Christmas tree out (please remove all decorations) with your green food and garden waste bin and we'll take it away to be composted for you.
Please make sure it does not cause an obstruction.
Alternatively you can take it to one of our Community Recycling Centres.

Wrapping Paper

Each year we use enough to stretch around the Equator nine times or to the moon.

Please put all your wrapping paper in your pink sack, removing any non-paper items such as tape and bows.

Christmas Cards

One billion – that's 17 for every man, woman and child.

You can recycle your Christmas cards in your pink sack or take them to M&S or TK Maxx who are supporting The Woodland Trust in its bid to double the number of native tress across the UK.
After 14 years the scheme comes to an end this January - The Woodland Trust is hoping to reach this year's goal of planting 12,000 tress which will bring the final total to over 200,000. Pledge to recycle your Christmas cards at **www.thewoodlandtrust.org.uk/cards** and you can decide where you want your trees to be panted.

T.K.maxx M&S

Glass Bottles and Jars

13,350 tonnes of glass are thrown out in the UK during the festive season. Recycling them all would save CO_2 equivalent to taking 1,300 cars off the road for a year.

Please recycle all your glass bottles and jars in your blue box.
If you don't have one, order one for free by emailing: **recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk,** via our website at **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bluebox** or by calling **01908 252570.**

Kids get crafty for Christmas

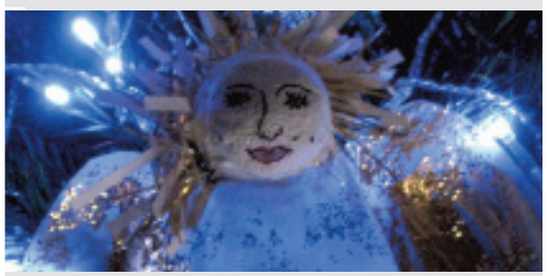
Join us for a free event at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) making recycled Christmas decorations – accompanied children of all ages welcome!

We will be holding two sessions on Tuesday, 21st December at 10am – 12noon or 2pm – 4pm at the MRF, Colts Holm Rd, Old Wolverton, MK12 5QD.

Foil and Food

Every year we throw away around 4,500 tonnes of tin foil over Christmas – that's enough to cover 1,500 square miles, an area the size of Suffolk.
You can put clean aluminium foil in your pink sack.

Any Christmas food leftovers can go into your green food and garden waste bin. Get some useful ideas on how to use up all that festive food from **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com**



To book a place please call Environmental Education Officer Holly Mills on **01908 252312** or email: **wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk** Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Changes to your kerbside collections over Christmas and New Year

Recycling and refuse collections will take place as normal up to and including **Christmas Eve, Friday 24th** December. In the following weeks, the service will be affected as detailed below - please make a note of the date changes and put your refuse and recycling out on your property boundary by 7am on your revised collection days.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
WEEK FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS	
Monday 27th December	**Wednesday 29th December**
Tuesday 28th December	**Thursday 30th December**
Wednesday 29th December	**Friday 31st December**
Thursday 30th December	**Tuesday 4th January**
Friday 31st December	**Wednesday 5th January**
FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 3rd January	**Thursday 6th January**
Tuesday 4th January	**Friday 7th January**
Wednesday 5th January	**Saturday 8th January**
Thursday 6th January	**Monday 10th January**
Friday 7th January	**Tuesday 11th January**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 10th January	**Wednesday 12th January**
Tuesday 11th January	**Thursday 13th January**
Wednesday 12th January	**Friday 14th January**
Thursday 13th January	**Saturday 15th January**
Friday 14th January	**Monday 17th January**
THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 17th January	**Tuesday 18th January**
Tuesday 18th January	**Wednesday 19th January**
Wednesday 19th January	**Thursday 20th January**
Thursday 20th January	**Friday 21st January**
Friday 21st January	**Saturday 22nd January**

From Monday 24th January all collections return to normal

All the above changes will be delivered to your property by our refuse and recycling contractor Serco on this handy tag which will be placed on your green wheeled bin.

If you don't have a bin, operatives will put one through your door. Alternatively all dates are available to view and download on our website – **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling.**

Sign up to receive text alerts or emails

You can now receive free message alerts via email and text direct to your mobile phone about any changes to your green bin, refuse and recycling collections from Milton Keynes Council.

Simply put in your details on our website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recyclingsignup** and we will let you know if there are any problems affecting your service such as bad weather or vehicle breakdown and we will of course remind you of date changes.

Christmas and New Year opening at our Community Recycling Centres

Our three Community Recycling Centres at Bleak Hall, New Bradwell and Newport Pagnell are open during the winter months from 8am – 5pm with the exception of the following days:

Christmas Eve 8am – 1pm
Christmas Day closed all day
Boxing Day closed all day
New Year's Eve 8am – 1pm
New Year's Day closed all day

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